HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

A RESOLUTION memorializing Corporal James Szuba.

Whereas, On January 9, 2010, Corporal James Szuba of the Mishawaka Police Department was killed in the line of duty;

Whereas, Corporal Szuba paid the ultimate price while protecting the citizens of Mishawaka and people he loved;

Whereas, Corporal James Szuba and his canine partner, Ricky, were killed when their squad car was struck while answering a call for assistance from a fellow officer;

Whereas, Described by his fellow officers as "a man who

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recognized the dangers and frustration of the profession but still took the oath without hesitation", Corporal Szuba served with the Mishawaka Police Department for more than seven years;

Whereas, An outstanding police officer, Corporal Szuba was the firearms instructor for the Mishawaka Police Department and a K-9 officer;

Whereas, Corporal Szuba hailed from a police family. His father, Florian, was retired from the South Bend Police Department, and his brother, John, is a detective/sergeant with the South Bend Police Department;

Whereas, Corporal Szuba was an active member of his community. He was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church and the Mishawaka Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #91 and a 1985 graduate of Marian High School;

Whereas, Corporal James Szuba was a devoted family man who loved fishing, hunting, and working in his yard; and

Whereas, The people of the state of Indiana mourn the loss of Corporal James Szuba; he will be greatly missed by his family, his friends, and his brothers and sisters in the Mishawaka Police Department: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to express its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Corporal James Szuba at this time of such great sadness. Corporal Szuba was a hero who leaves a void that cannot be filled.

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SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Corporal James Szuba.

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